

Environmental Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2004

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Environmental Steering Committee (ESC) was called to order at 1:05 pm (EST) on June 24, 2004 by James Biasco, Chair.

Present:

Steve Aoyama

James Biasco, Chair

Roger Carmichael

Jose Cuzme

Gordon Delchamps

Roger DeRoos

Matthew Dixon

Gary Gefroh

Ron Klem

Peter Nachod, coordinator

Doug Ott

Keith Shortall

NOTE: voting members are shown in bold type.

A. Old Business

Membership

- New membership was reviewed and unanimously approved by the Committee.

Current Funds Available

- Jim Biasco reviewed the status of environmental remediation and demolition funds available. Spreadsheet is attached.

PSD Project Review and Prioritization

- A total of eight (8) Environmental Remediation and one (1) Demolition projects were submitted, received and reviewed by the ESC.
- Each PSD was reviewed by the ESC in detail.
- **ACTION ITEM:** The ESC recommended **funding** the following Environmental Remediation Fund PSD proposals:

➤ Alaska – St. Paul Remediation - \$231,000

- Albuquerque – Dulce Health Center - \$79,000
- Nashville – Cherokee Indian Hosp. Quarters - \$60,000

NOTE: The PSD discusses abatement for the 1918 units and transfer of the 1962 units after paint survey/risk assessment is performed. The ESC wanted to make Nashville Area aware that if the assessment identifies hazards in the 1962 units, additional abatement funding may be available through the environmental remediation funds. Nashville Area will need to keep the ESC up-to-date on the status of this project and potential need for additional funds (if necessary)

- **ACTION ITEM:** The ESC requested that each respective Area provide clarification on the following Environmental Remediation Fund PSD proposals. Peter Nachod will send e-mail notification to each Area requesting clarification on respective project.

- Aberdeen – Turtle Mountain Haz. Remediation – \$1,889,000

The ESC requested that Aberdeen Area provide additional information on what will ultimately happen with these facilities. Are they going to be demolished or renovated? This makes a big difference in making the decision between managing in place and remediation. Roger DeRoos said that he would contact Marty LaRoche of Aberdeen Area and offer to assist the Area in conducting a hazardous materials report. This hazardous materials report will analyze and determine the optimum

- Aberdeen – Eagle Butte Remediation – \$1,453,000

The ESC requests that the Aberdeen Area provide the same additional information and analysis, which is discussed above for the Turtle Mtn. PSD.

- Phoenix – Gila River Asbestos Abatement – \$400,000

The ESC requested that Phoenix Area resubmit a revised cost estimate that does not include any replacement cost, it should only show abatement cost.

- Phoenix – Hotevilla Asbestos Abatement – \$30,000

The ESC requested that Phoenix Area resubmit cost estimate that does not include any replacement cost, it should only show abatement cost. The ESC also wanted to reiterate that all submitted PSD projects need to be >\$25,000 to be considered for funding.

- **ACTION ITEM:** The ESC recommended **against funding** the following Environmental Remediation Fund PSD proposal:

- Nashville – Unity Mold/Moisture Remediation - \$220,000
The ESC felt that this PSD project appeared to be more of a maintenance and improvement project vs. a remediation project. Because of this, the ESC recommended against providing remediation funds.
- **ACTION ITEM:** The ESC recommended **funding** the following Demolition Fund PSD proposal:
 - Albuquerque – Dulce Health Center - \$227,000

Project Closeout Documentation

- Final project reports are necessary to validate the program, need and funds expenditure. Peter Nachod will continue to compile a list of all past funded Environmental Remediation and Demolition projects as well as final report status. Once complete with this list, he will send out to all Areas with Final Report samples and guidelines.
- Project closeout report format to be reviewed. Peter Nachod will provide a closeout report template for each Area to use in completing the pending due reports.

B. New Business

Tribal Employee Membership

- Doug Ott posed the question to the ESC pertaining to if Tribal Employees are eligible to be members of the ESC. The committee discussed this at length with the following questions resulting from the discussion:
 - Can a non-federal employee be involved in decisions involving Federal funds?
 - This could be a potential legal issue, we should get a legal opinion on this.
 Peter Nachod will research this and follow up at next meeting.

Hazardous Materials Report – FOH

- Roger DeRoos discussed his thoughts on developing a process for how an Area should handle the decision between managing-in-place and remediation. He felt that this should be a 2-step process: (1) Prepare a hazardous materials report with risks and options identified with the best option selected as the decision and then (2) submit a PSD based on the hazardous materials report for Environmental Remediation Funding.
- Roger DeRoos proposed that the two Aberdeen PSD projects (Turtle Mountain and Eagle Butte) be used to develop this process and he offered to assist them in going through this process. The ESC will convey this to Aberdeen Area.

Request for additional PSD Projects

- The ESC will request another round of PSD project submissions. This request will be sent out to the Facility Managers in January 2005.

Facility Manager's Meeting (Las Vegas, NV) 15 – 19 NOV 2004

- The ESC would like to have “remediation/manage-in-place” be a topic presented and discussed at the upcoming Facility Manager's Meeting. Roger DeRoos offered to assist with this. Gary Gefroh has been identified as another potential participant.

C. Agenda for Next Meeting

Items which will be addressed at the next Environmental Steering Committee meeting include:

- Review PSD projects and additional information requested by ESC.
- Project Closeout list of previously funded projects.
- Technical Handbook Chapter updates for Environmental Remediation Funds Steering Committee and Demolition Funds Steering Committee.

The next Environmental Steering Committee meeting has not yet been scheduled. Once each Area responds with clarification to the ESC, a meeting will be scheduled.

Adjournment:

James Biasco adjourned meeting at 2:59 pm (EST). Next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Minutes submitted by: Peter T. Nachod

Approved by: James R. Biasco